



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-02017-21
4. Present Name(s) Bruce House
2. County Lorain
5. Historic or Other Name(s) Williamson-Bruce House
6. Specific Address or Location 517 West College
19a. Design Sources
35. Plan Shape L-shaped
20. Contractor or Builder
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct
21. Building Type or Plan Ranch
22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling
23. Present Use Single Dwelling
24. Ownership Private
25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Betsy L. Bruce 517 West College St. Oberlin, OH, 44074
26. Property Acreage 0.28
27. Other Surveys
28. No. of Stories One story
29. Basement? No
30. Foundation Material Poured concrete
31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame
32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle
33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 3
34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Board and batten
37. Window Type(s) Other
38. Building Dimensions 29' x 50'
39. Endangered? NO By What?
40. Chimney Placement Off center within roof surface
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 35'
51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type
Date
Associated Activity
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)
This ranch is an early example of modern architecture moving into Oberlin. The front/north facade includes two fixed windows above awning windows at the right side of the elevation. In the front gable, an exposed beam is under the eave and a louvered vent mimics the shape of the gable. The roof extends out at the left, although the roofline is set back from the remainder of the house, to create a carport at the far left. A small porch is near the center of the elevation, between the house and the carport. A chimney runs through the porch/entry; it is wide and brick. The east elevation includes the carport. At the porch, a 1/1 window is visible at the far left, and then a door is to its right. Right of the porch, two windows have hopper windows directly below them. At the west elevation, the far left has a large, fixed window above an awning window. A pair of casement windows is at the center and at the right.

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43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)
This house was built in 1960 according to the county auditors. The first known occupants were Max L. Williamson and his wife Eleanor K. in 1961. Mr. Williamson was a managing editor of 'The College Store Journal' and was listed as retired in 1970. Max was also a member of the Normandy Allies, stemming from his involvement with the 376th Army TC Harbor Craft Co. in Japan. Max L. Williamson was listed at this address through 1997. The next known occupant was Betsy L. Bruce who purchased the home May 12, 2000. Betsy Bruce is the Director of Recreational Sports at Oberlin College and is the current owner.

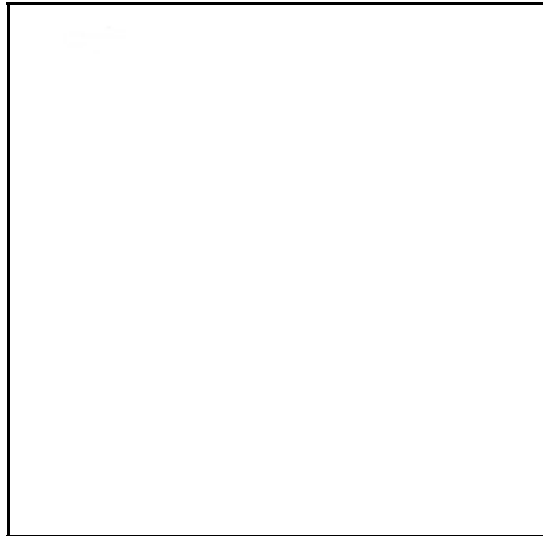
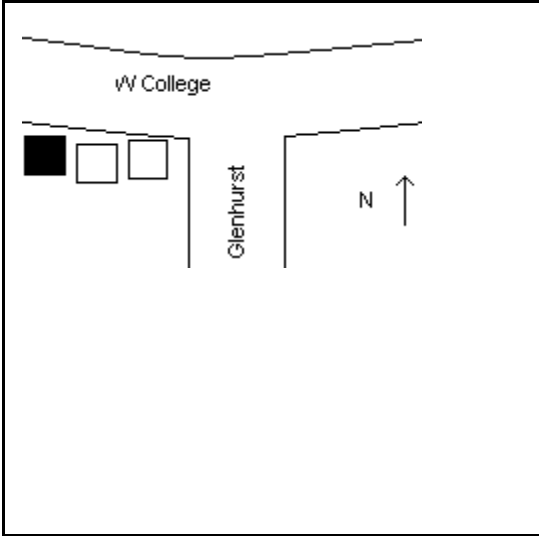
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)
The house has no outbuildings and is surrounded by other residences.

45. Sources of Information
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single off center

Door Position:
Recessed

Orientation:
Gable end axis

Symmetry:
Other

Report Associated With Project:

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45. *Sources (Con't)*

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